

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-24 and 32-71 were pending in the application. Claims 1-24 and 32-45 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer; thus, claims 46-71 are now pending and under consideration. No new matter is included in this amendment.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

I. Election of Claims Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.142

Applicants elect Species V, without traverse, in response to the preliminary restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action and identify claims 46-71 as reading on the elected species.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments, arguments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our deposit account number .

Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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